



CITY OF LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF HEALTH

January 28, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE

Jo-Ann Keegan - Chairperson
Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, Member
Erin Gendron, Member
William Galvin, Member
Lisa Golden, HHS Director
Jimmy Le, Sanitary Code Inspector

Chairperson Keegan called the meeting to order at 6:05PM

1/12/2022 – Minutes

1. NEW BUSINESS

1.I. Conference Call Log-In Information

1.II. For Acceptance: Minutes of the December 1, 2021 Board of Health Meeting

Motion: To accept the minutes of the December 1, 2021 Board of Health meeting made by Erin Gendron, seconded by William Galvin. All in favor.

1.III. **Petition:** Request By Lowell Sun Charities for a Mask Mandate Waiver related to the Golden Gloves Tournament.

Mr. Peter Coughlin and Mr. Bob Russo were present to speak regarding the request for a waiver to the mask mandate for the Golden Glove tournament. Members Kathleen Cullen-Lutter and William Galvin inquired if the boxers would be tested the day of the tournament. Mr. Russo spoke to the Board, informing them of the difficulty getting testing kits and the fact that the majority of the boxers have been vaccinated and tested. Boxers would wear masks at all times except for while they are inside the ropes and boxing. Member Galvin inquired if the City could provide some testing kits to the tournament. HHS Director will be able to provide 30 tests for the first date and possibly for the second.

Motion: To grant a waiver to the Golden Gloves Tournament for boxers while in the ring with the recommendation of boxers being tested prior to their match made by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, seconded by Erin Gendron. All in favor.

VOTE:

Jo-Ann Keegan - yes
Erin Gendron - yes
Kathleen Cullen-Lutter - yes
William Galvin - yes
4-yes 0-no Motion passes.

1.IV. **For Review:** Monthly Development Services Report Submitted By Senior Sanitary Code Inspector Shawn Machado

Sanitary Code Inspector Jimmy Le reviewed the reports with the Board. The Board had no questions.

1.V. **Public Hearing Regarding Eucamerica Grocery Store 419 Bridge St Lowell**

Sanitary Code Inspector Jimmy Le spoke to the Board regarding the revocation of the food permit for Euramerica 419 Bridge Street due to repeated food and sanitary code violations. Mr. Lee described to the Board the nature of the violations and the Inspectors attempts to education the owner about the requirements and laws. Mr. Le also informed the Board that the establishment had been closed by the State Department of Industrial Accidents.

Estaphanie Guaman and Chris Torres were present to assist with interpretation for Manager Maria Penguiz. The circumstances regarding the latest violation were discussed. Mr. Le noted that the owner and her daughter both attended a meeting with the inspectors at City Hall to review the requirements and violations still occurred. The Spanish-speaking Inspector has also been involved with trying to education the owner regarding the requirements. Additionally this establishment does not have any employees with the required ServSafe, Chokesafe, and other certificates, so they may only sell prepackaged foods.

MOTION: To revoke the food permit for Euramerica, 419 Bridge St. until such time that the Sanitary Code Inspectors determine it is appropriate for reapplication made by William Galvin, seconded by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter. All in favor.

VOTE:

Jo-Ann Keegan -yes

Erin Gendron - yes

Kathleen Cullen-Lutter - yes

William Galvin - yes

4-yes 0- no motion passes.

1.VI. **Communication:** From DPW Commissioner Christine Clancy Regarding Repairs In Lowell Public Schools

DPW Commissioner Christine Clancy reviewed the communication with the Board. The Board had no questions.

1.VII. **For Review:** Tobacco Control Monthly Report Submitted By Cesar Pungirum, Program Director

The Board accepted and placed on file.

1.VIII. **Body Art Establishment And Practitioner Renewals For 2022**

The Board had no questions.

Motion: to approve the 2022 Body Art Facility Permits made by William Galvin, seconded by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter. All in favor.

Motion: to approve the 2022 Body Art Practitioner Permits made by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, seconded by Erin Gendron. All in favor.

1.IX. **For Review:** Trinity EMS, Inc. Reports And Notifications Submitted By Jon Kelley

The Board accepted and placed on file.

1.X. **Communication:** 200-220 Tanner Street Lowell MA - SAK Environmental LLC

The Board accepted and placed on file.

1.XI. **Informational:** City Of Lowell Winter Weather Contingency Plan

The Board accepted and placed on file.

1.XII. **Informational:** Preventative Medicine Online Report - October 6 2021 Regarding Opioid Crisis In Lowell MA

The Board accepted and placed on file.

2. **OLD BUSINESS**

2.I. **Update:** COVID-19

HHS Director Lisa Golden updated the Board on the COVID case count and positivity rates. Lowell residents who have a reported positive case through the MAVEN system are receiving a text message and phone message regarding what to do. This seems to be helpful in cutting down the number of calls to the Health Department. Vaccine clinics were discussed. The distribution of the 38,000 home test kits received from the State was discussed.

3. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

3.I. **Divisional and Departmental Reports and Updates**

The Board accepted the reports and placed on file. HHS Director Golden updated the Board on the new hires to the Health Department.

4. **Motion:** To Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn at 7:06PM made by William Galvin, seconded by Erin Gendron. All in favor.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LOWELL BOARD OF HEALTH WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 2022

LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED.